

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary**

MEETING DATE: **November 22, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 7

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Amendment to Chapter 11 of the City Code, Building Code Enforcement**

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend the City Code to enforce the latest edition of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Property Maintenance Code.

SUMMARY:

On November 16, 2005, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development adopted the 2003 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code as the Uniform Statewide Property Maintenance Code for Virginia. Localities that wish to have a property maintenance code are required to enforce the 2003 version of the International Property Maintenance Code. It is necessary to amend Section 11-2 of the City Code to remove the references to the 2000 edition of the Property Maintenance Code and replace them with references to the 2003 edition of the Property Maintenance Code.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

On October 20, 2003, City Council amended the City Code to enforce the 2000 edition of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Property Maintenance Code.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

CONTACT(S):

Robert Drane, Building Commissioner, 455-3899 or Walter Erwin, 455-3973.

ATTACHMENT(S):

An ordinance amending Section 11-2 of the City Code.

REVIEWED BY: lkp

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 11-2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, THE AMENDED SECTION RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE 2003 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM STATEWIDE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That Section 11-2 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 11-2. Maintenance of existing structures regulations adopted.

For the purpose of ensuring public safety, health and welfare, insofar as they are affected by building construction, to ensure public safety, health and welfare through proper building maintenance, repair, use and continued compliance with minimum standards of building construction, energy conservation, water conservation, and physically handicapped and aged accessibility, that certain regulations known as the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, 2003 Edition, Part I, The Virginia Construction Code General Regulations, Part II, The Virginia Rehabilitation Code and Part III, The Virginia Maintenance Code of Existing Structures, Chapter 34, Existing Structures, of the 2003 edition of the International Building Code, the 2003 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, and all of the codes and standards referenced therein, copies of which are on file in the office of the clerk of council and in the inspections division of the department of community planning and development, are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the city. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-220 of the Code of Virginia, future amendments to the sections of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the International Building Code, The International Property Maintenance Code and the codes and standards referenced therein are also incorporated by reference herein. The City of Lynchburg in accordance with the provisions outlined in Part III of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code elects to apply the provisions of the maintenance of existing structures to industrialized buildings and manufactured homes. All future editions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and all amendments thereto are hereby automatically adopted and incorporated into the city code.

2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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